

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, and 16 are amended and claim 21 is added. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (a) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration (as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution); and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiners Weintrop and Cardone in the May 22 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,946,464 to Kito et al. (Kito) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,621,892 to Cook. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 13 recite, *inter alia*, "an instruction selection screen for displaying selectable instructions based on user access rights, wherein the user access rights determine available instructions." Independent claims 4, 10 and 16 recite, *inter alia*, "displaying selectable instructions based on user access rights, wherein the user access rights determine available instructions." Support for the amendment can be found in the specification at, for example, page 14, lines 16-21.

The passage of Kito relied on for disclosing a recited feature fails to disclose that the instruction selection unit displays selectable instructions based on user access rights, where

the user access rights determine available instructions. Cook fails to cure the deficiencies of Kito. Accordingly, the applied references, alone or in combination, fail to teach or disclose the recited subject matter of independent claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16.

For at least these reasons and as acknowledged during the May 22 personal interview, independent claims 1, 4, 7, 10, 13 and 16 and the claims dependent therefrom, are patentable over the applied references. Withdrawal of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

II. Claim 21

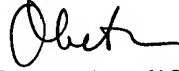
Claim 21 is added. Support for claim 21 can be found in the Specification at, for example, page 14, lines 11-21. Claim 21 is patentable at least in view of the patentability of claim 1, from which it depends, as well as for the additional features it recites.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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